

New York Times
July 25 1967

Desmond FitzGerald Dies at 57; Was a Deputy Director of C.I.A.

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, July 23—Desmond FitzGerald, a deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, died Sunday at the age of 57.

Mr. FitzGerald collapsed during a tennis match at his country residence at The Plains, Va., and died en route to the Fauquier County Hospital at Warrenton.

He had been an officer with the C.I.A. since 1951. An Esquire magazine article published in April, 1966, identified him as the man in charge of espionage activities abroad. An agency spokesman today declined to comment on that.

Mr. FitzGerald was a lawyer with the New York firm of Spence, Hopkins, Walsler, Hotchkiss & Angell before joining the C.I.A.

He enlisted as a private in the infantry during World War II, and rose to the rank of major, serving mainly in the China-Burma-India theater.

He was liaison officer with Chinese troops during the Burma campaign and later was liaison officer with the Chinese New Sixth Army in China. He was operations officer, G-2 Security, in the Chinese combat

command in Nanking during the last months of his service.

His decorations included the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Burma and China Ribbons with battle stars.

Mr. FitzGerald was born in New York. He attended St. Mark's School at Southboro, Mass., Harvard College and the Harvard Law School, where he received his degree in 1935.

Mr. FitzGerald was the former husband of Mrs. Marietta Tree, who was a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations. They were divorced in 1947.

He was the chairman of the Committee of Five Million, a New York reform group that hoped to defeat Mayor William O'Dwyer in 1949. Mr. O'Dwyer was re-elected.

Mr. FitzGerald is survived by his widow, Mrs. Barbara Green Lawrence FitzGerald; two daughters, Frances and Joan; a son, Desmond Jr.; a stepdaughter, Barbara Mary Lawrence, and a sister.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 4 P.M. in the Bethlehem Chapel of the National Cathedral.

FITZGERALD—Desmond, suddenly at The Plains, Virginia, age 57, husband of Barbara Green, son of the late Harold and Eleanor FitzGerald, father of Frances, Joan and Desmond Jr. Step-father of Barbara Lawrence. Brother of Eleanor F. Franke. St. Mark's School 1928, Harvard Univ 1932, Harvard Law School 1935. Boston papers please copy. Notice of service later.

CPYRGHT